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City worker Krzyszton Gustowski installs a new Israel Asper Way street sign over top of the Waterfront Drive sign across from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Monday after the city officially renamed the stretch of Waterfront in front of the museum after the man who inspired the idea. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Friends remember shooting victim as 'kindhearted' man

Rustom Vito Paclipan. Those close to the 23-year-old describe to Metro why they were 'fortunate enough to know him'

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Rustom Vito Paclipan, 23, was shot to death Sunday. HANDOUT

Friends of the man killed in what police are calling a gang-related shooting in front of a downtown bar over the weekend say the 23-year-old was a "easygoing, kindhearted, gentle and humorous spirit" who loved being around people.

Rustom Vito Paclipan died in hospital after being shot near the steps of Opera Ultralounge around 2 a.m. Sunday.

"His eyes, smile and laugh would literally light up the room," wrote a friend, who asked to remain anonymous, in an email to Metro Monday. "I truly have never met anyone with a capability to connect with others like he had.

"It didn't matter if you had not spoken in years … he would always take the opportunity to reconnect with you."

Two other men aged 18 and 24 were also shot in the attack, and both remain in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

A police spokesperson said a man opened fire on a group outside the club following a confrontation, but didn't confirm reports the shots came from a passing vehicle.

Paclipan's friend said he'd moved to Canada from the Philippines at an early age and was just a month shy of graduating from Red River College's aircraft maintenance engineering program after graduating from Sisler High School in 2010.

"Rustom was headed in the right direction," his friend wrote. "Those that were fortunate enough to know him will understand how great of a loss this has been."

Police have made no arrests but say surveillance footage from the club is helping in the investigation.

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Committee OKs $275K to study future of PSB

Public Safety Building. Century-old property deed limits options for land to civic purposes

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Figuring out what to do with the Public Safety Building will be the subject of a $275,000 study that a city councillor hopes will be fast-tracked to coincide with the Winnipeg police's move to the new Graham headquarters this fall.

Coun. Mike Pagtakhan said that while he'll reserve his final decision until he sees the report, there is "merit to a city hall campus."

Barry Thorgrimson, the city's director of property and development, cited a preliminary estimate of $40 million to repurpose the PSB and demolish the civic parkade, which was shut down in 2012.

He revealed that while going through their records, the city discovered an early 1900s property deed that stated the southern portion of the block on which the PSB stands can only be used for civic purposes.

"That, of course, changed the way we looked at that site," said Thorgrimson, adding that the northern portion near James Avenue does not have this limitation and could be sold.

Apples and oranges

City officials cautioned against media comparing the plans for the PSB and parkade to the new Winnipeg police headquarters and its $200-million price tag.

- Furthermore, Thorgrimson said if the option of recladding of the PSB had been chosen, the city would've had to relocate the entire police services that function out of the PSB at a huge cost.

A city committee approved spending $275,000 to find out what can be done with the Public Safety Building across the street from city hall. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Group applauds new bylaw for old buildings

Cindy Tugwell of Heritage Winnipeg BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

The way in which the city handles historic buildings is getting an overhaul that's long overdue, according to the head of a local heritage group.

Cindy Tugwell, executive director of Heritage Winnipeg, told members of the downtown development committee on Monday that her organization supports the new Historic Resources Bylaw.

"I know 'it's been long in coming' is an understatement, right? We think it's a good bylaw, a good start," said Tugwell.

Among the aspects of the proposed Historic Resources Bylaw are new processes for listing and delisting properties, fairness for owners, transparency for the public, heritage permits as well as fees and offences.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said the previous Historical Buildings Bylaw, which was passed in 1978, had been under review for well over a decade.

Gerbasi believes the new bylaw will address "demolition by neglect," which is when owners of heritage buildings allow the edifices to decay to the point where the only option is demolition.

The Historic Resources Bylaw still requires the approval of executive policy committee and council.

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Portrait of Dirck van Os

Omaha museum to show original Rembrandt

The Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha is preparing to once again exhibit its original Rembrandt, decades after it was downgraded and became regarded as merely a work by one of his students.

The museum plans to have the Portrait of Dirck van Os placed in its Hitchcock Gallery for public viewing on Tuesday after an absence of around 15 years. It's been restored and embellishments added by others have been removed.

Rembrandt experts have examined the painting and certified it as an original work by the 17th-century Dutch master.

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Bankruptcy woes

Detroit counting on $195M from the state

Detroit is expecting a lump sum of $194.8 million from the state to shore up pensions and prevent the sale of valuable art as it tries to emerge from bankruptcy later this year, the city said Monday.

The details were in Detroit's latest strategy plan filed in bankruptcy court. It comes just days before ballots go out to thousands of creditors, including retirees and city employees personally affected by the largest public bankruptcy in U.S. history.

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Russian soldiers rehearse for Victory Day parade

A Russian honour guard soldier warms up prior to a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St. Petersburg, Russia, Monday. Celebrated on May 9, Victory Day is Russia's most important secular holiday and marks the defeat of Nazi Germany. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California law students trying to right an old wrong

Hong Yeng Chang.
Ivy League graduate thought to be the first Chinese immigrant to become an American lawyer

This undated family photo shows Hong Yeng Chang.
CHANG FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a decision still studied in law schools as a 19th century lesson in bigotry, the California Supreme Court in 1890 denied Hong Yeng Chang's application to practise law solely because he was Chinese.

Now, students at a northern California law school are working to right that wrong. They hope to persuade the current court to reverse its 124-year-old decision.

Students at the University of California, Davis, School of Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and two professors have submitted an application to practise law to the State Bar of California on behalf of Chang. It is a first step before approaching the high court, which licenses California's attorneys.

The state bar vets all California applications and recommends approval or denial to the California Supreme Court. The Supreme Court usually follows the recommendation of the state bar.

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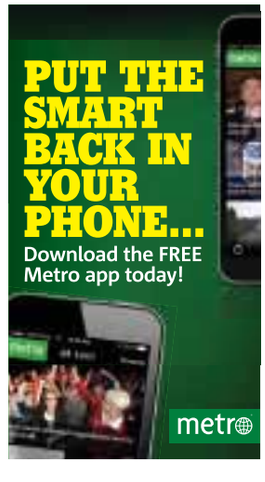

John Kerry to Africa: Choose democracy

'The will of the people.'
The U.S. is behind in the race to reap economic benefits on the continent

Travelling from lush green hilltops to hot dusty roads and seaside ports, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry asked African nations last week to make a choice: Choose democracy. Embrace economic stability. Reject violence, and move people into the modern world.

It was an optimistic offer, and the kind of Western attitudes the U.S. is used to espousing.

But two conflict-wracked African nations said no, challenging the limits of American influence in a continent emerging as the next land of opportunity for foreign financial investors.

So far, the U.S. is lagging in the worldwide race to reap economic benefits in Africa, and President Barack Obama is hosting a summit in August for leaders of more than 40 African nations to try to build stronger financial ties.

The refusal by several leaders to heed Kerry's urgings confronts the Obama administration with a choice: Pursue economic opportunities with governments that do not respect rule of law or human rights, or take a backseat in global competition by shunning sub-Saharan countries.

"This is up to the will of the people, and the will of leaders," Kerry told about 100 diplomats and local activists gathered at a tukul hut in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

In what appears to be the biggest flop of his trip, Kerry announced a tentative agreement to restart stalled peace talks in South Sudan, where U.S. officials say fighting between President Salva Kiir and former vice-president-turned-rebel leader Riek Machar have plunged the world's newest nation into a civil war.

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Foreign Minister Georges Rebelo Chicoti of Angola shows U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry nearby government buildings following meetings at the Ministry of Finance in Luanda, Angola. SAUL LOEB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Veteran Affairs hospital shooting injures person

A shooting at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Ohio on Monday left one person with a minor injury and a suspect in police custody, according to a city official.

The male suspect was taken into custody Monday afternoon after someone dropped him off at a hospital, Dayton spokesman Bryan Taulbee said.

One person suffered a minor leg injury at the Dayton clinic, said Taulbee, who didn't know if the victim was a man or woman.

The suspect is from suburban Dayton, and there were no other shooters involved, Taulbee said.

Employees told media outlets that at least part of the complex was locked down around the lunch hour on Monday. WDTN showed video of employees leaving the centre while FBI agents went inside.

Four years ago, an Iraq War Army veteran wearing military fatigues fatally shot himself at a monument to soldiers outside the same hospital. The man, Jesse C. Huff, had been a patient there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police gather outside a Veterans Affairs hospital after people who were evacuated were told they could re-enter. AL BEHRMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idaho. Judge to decide on same-sex marriage ban

A federal magistrate says she will decide soon if Idaho's ban on same-sex marriage violates the equal protection guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale told attorneys for four couples Monday that the emotional case raised lots of questions, and that she would get a ruling out in the "relatively near future."

The four couples, all women, say Idaho discriminates by subjecting them to different tax rules and denying them rights given heterosexual families.

However, Thomas Perry, the attorney for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a defendant in the case, said it comes down to a matter of states' choice and states' authority.

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N.L. town puts dead whale on eBay

Free shipping? Scheme shot down by site, now mayor hopes museum will show interest

A Newfoundland town's efforts to have a dead sperm whale removed from its coastline have hit a snag.

But the mayor of the community remains hopeful that someone will step forward to take the carcass of the 12-metre mammal off his hands.

Peter Fenwick, the mayor of Cape St. George on Newfoundland's west coast, put the whale up for sale on eBay. But the website took the auction down Monday because it violates its policies on animals and wildlife products, Fenwick said.

"Our major objective was to get rid of the whale, and we feel that there may be enough (people) out there who know about it, who may be interested in it," said Fenwick in an interview.

"So then we thought, 'Maybe there's a museum somewhere that would like to purchase it, and if there is, let's advertise it on eBay and see if anybody is interested.'"

He said he received a call from the federal Environment Department earlier in the day saying the sale of the whale could violate environmental regulations.

Newfoundland's Trout River and Rocky Harbour, two communities located roughly 250 kilometres north of Cape St. George, recently reached a deal with the Royal Ontario Museum to retrieve the carcasses of blue whales that have been rotting along their shores.

Fenwick said he hopes museums have caught wind of his town's whale.

"If they call us, we'll be glad to talk to them and if they can come on down and arrange for a bit of equipment to do something, fine, they can get a free whale," said Fenwick with a laugh.

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A sperm whale carcass sits on shore in Cape St. George, N.L., in this recent photo. The large carcass recently washed ashore, posing a problem other Newfoundland communities have had to deal with this season: how to dispose of one. CONTRIBUTED

Calgary. Man accused in animal killings bought pets on Kijiji: Investigator

Police say the man accused of starving and beating a cat and dog found dead in a Calgary alley in January acquired the animals from a seller on Kijiji.

It was the latest animal abuse case involving the popular online classifieds site and reignited caution from law-enforcement officials about offering unwanted pets online at no charge.

"If you add a value to the animal there's more of a likelihood that the person that's getting the animal is going to value the animal," said Brad Nichols, head of cruelty investigations with the Calgary Humane Society.

Early Monday, the society announced 19-year-old Nicolino Ivano Camardi has been charged with two counts of wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal.

On Jan. 9, the Calgary Humane Society was notified that a Siberian husky had been found dead in an alley, suffering from severe starvation.

A second animal, a domestic short-haired cat, was found just metres away on Jan. 16.

Both animals had tape covering their mouths.

Medical examinations determined the dog died of starvation while the cat died of asphyxia due to ligature strangulation following multiple traumatic injuries to its head, tail and hind limbs.

Humane Society officials announced the charges Monday morning.

It's alleged Camardi bought the animals online two to three months before their bodies were discovered.

The accused was scheduled to appear in court Monday morning.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Weight loss. Doctor set to appeal discipline

A key player in the country's weight-loss industry is set to appeal discipline meted out to him by the body that regulates the medical profession in Ontario for violating advertising rules.

Dr. Stanley Bernstein wants the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board to overturn the reprimand he was given last year.

The complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons originated with lawyer Peter Rosenthal after a doctor pointed out to him that Bernstein was in breach of the rules with his advertising of his weight-loss clinics.

The college's disciplinary committee, which noted Bernstein had been the subject of many similar complaints, only imposed a "caution."

Bernstein is cross reviewing the adverse finding, arguing that even a caution was unwarranted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brave animals become Hall of Famers

Edmonton police officer Const. Matthew Williamson looks at a photo of him and his service dog Quanto during the 46th annual Purina Animal Hall of Fame ceremony in Toronto on Monday. Quanto died from stab wounds during a altercation with a suspect in the line of duty. The five-year-old German shepherd was among the four dogs and one cat being honoured. The event recognizes extreme acts of courage, bravery and devotion by Canadian pets and service animals. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Martian space habitat is shown in this artist's rendering. Artist Bryan Versteeg started working on the Martian space habitat after he was approached by the founders of the Mars One Foundation, which is planning a one-way mission to the red planet. The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to the red planet has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of candidates on Monday. BRYAN VERSTEEG/SPACEHABS.COM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

54 Canadians remain on standby list for Mars

Fantastic voyage. Ambitious Mars One project pares down the number of potential applicants for one-way mission to red planet

The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to Mars has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of potential worldwide candidates on Monday.

The Dutch-based non-profit organization said 705 people still remain in contention and will be subject to an interview by their selection committee.

The Mars One project, an ambitious plan to establish a permanent human settlement on the planet beginning in 2025, is the brainchild of Dutch entrepreneur Bas Landorp.

The 54 Canadians remaining are divided equally between male and female candidates.

Christy Foley, a 33-year-old Alberta government employee, is among the candidates who'll get an interview.

Foley said Monday she's not having any second thoughts about the one-way trip and is still very excited, adding her family doctor appeared surprised when she explained the reason for a complete medical.

"He said he never had this type of request before, so I guess Edmonton doesn't produce many astronaut wannabes," Foley said.

She and her husband had both applied when the call went out, but he was not chosen.

The majority of the remaining 54 Canadian hopefuls are from the Toronto region, but there's also a large contingent from British Columbia. Alberta and Quebec are next on the list, but other provinces also boast candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seeing red — they hope

Initially, Mars One had an applicant pool of more than 200,000 from 100 countries, including 8,243 Canadians.

- Last December, the organization reduced that to 1,058 candidates, including 75 Canadians.
- A third of the total candidates were cut, leaving the current crop of 705.

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Redford returns to legislature

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford has returned to the legislature for the first time since she quit more than a month ago.

Redford is now a government backbencher representing the riding of Calgary-Elbow.

She has not been in the house since she stepped down March 23, but says she has been working in her constituency.

She did not answer questions on stories that have made headlines since her resignation, including a plan to have taxpayers build her a lavish penthouse suite on top of a government building.

Redford says those issues have been addressed by others in government and she has nothing to add.

She says her time away included a much-needed family vacation in Palm Springs.
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Neighbour tells trial he believes Pistorius shot girlfriend in error

Two-week recess.
Defence tries to regain momentum after prosecutors appear to poke holes in double-amputee's story

Oscar Pistorius cradles his head in his hands in court Monday at the resumption of his murder trial, following a two week break, in Pretoria, South Africa. THOBILE MATHONSI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using witness accounts of a panicked nighttime phone call from Oscar Pistorius begging for help and his desperate pleas for Reeva Steenkamp to stay alive, the defence at his murder trial tried to reinforce its case Monday that the double-amputee Olympian fatally shot his girlfriend in a tragic error of judgment.

Johan Stander and his daughter Carice Viljoen, neighbours and friends of Pistorius, testified that they were at the runner's villa soon after the shooting on Feb. 14, 2013 and that Pistorius was praying, trying to help Steenkamp breathe and urging her to live. The world-famous disabled runner had shot four times through a toilet cubicle door minutes earlier, hitting Steenkamp in the hip, arm and head.

Stander testified that Pistorius phoned him at around 3:19 a.m. — about two minutes after the shooting. Pistorius told him he had thought Steenkamp was an intruder and shot her, Stander testified, and Stander and his daughter went to Pistorius' house after the runner pleaded for him to come.

"I saw the truth there that morning" Stander testified, saying he believed the shooting was accidental because of Pistorius' desperation when they found him carrying a bloodied Steenkamp downstairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prosecutors' version

Prosecutors maintain Oscar Pistorius, 27, is lying about the perceived trespasser, and his story is designed to cover up that he killed his girlfriend in the midst of a heated argument.

- The prosecution has focussed on events before the killing — and not Pistorius' demeanour afterward — to try and show that his version is a fabrication.

Circus accident. Investigators focus on broken clamp

A carabiner is the only piece of equipment investigators have found that failed in a circus accident in which eight aerial acrobats plummeted to the ground, a public safety official said Monday.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the broken carabiner was the cause of Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus. He said federal workplace safety investigators were trying to determine why it snapped.

The four- to five-inch steel clamp was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said. The clip was found in three pieces on the ground with its spine snapped.

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday. Family members say their injuries included a pierced liver and neck and back fractures.

Performers hang during a stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus May 2. COURTESY FRANK CAPRIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

The circus said the women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oklahoma. Inmate's lawyers bid for extended 6-month stay of execution

Attorneys for an Oklahoma inmate who was scheduled to be put to death the same night as a botched execution asked the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on Monday to grant a delay for at least six months pending a review into what went wrong last week.

Attorneys for Charles Warner cited last week's execution of Clayton Lockett, who writhed on the gurney and moaned before being pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack 43 minutes after the execution began.

Warner was scheduled to die last week two hours after Lockett, but Gov. Mary Fallin issued a two-week delay pending a thorough inquiry into Lockett's execution.

"Given the Department of Corrections' recognition that it is in no position to carry out an execution that meets constitutional requirements, an indefinite stay is necessary," said Madeline Cohen, one of Warner's attorneys. "I think six months is the bare minimum that could be contemplated."

Warner was convicted of raping and killing an 11-month-old in 1997. He has maintained his innocence.

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Drug combination

Last Tuesday was the first time Oklahoma used the sedative midazolam as the first element in its execution drug combination.

- **Other states have used it before.** Florida administers 500 milligrams as part of its three-drug combination. Oklahoma used 100 milligrams.
- **States in the U.S.** are finding it more difficult to find execution methods as more drug companies refuse to supply drugs that will be used in executions.

Wildfire leaves one dead, destroys 6 homes

Myka Burton pours water on a roadside hot spot on Monday in Guthrie, Okla. "I'm doing anything I can to help," said Burton. Firefighters worked Monday to battle a large wildfire in central Oklahoma that destroyed at least six homes and left at least one person dead after a controlled burn spread out of control.

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Two killed in crash

Canadian survey plane located

Colombian authorities said Monday they had located a Canadian-registered aircraft that crashed high in the Andes in northeastern Colombia. Two people aboard, both Canadians, were killed.

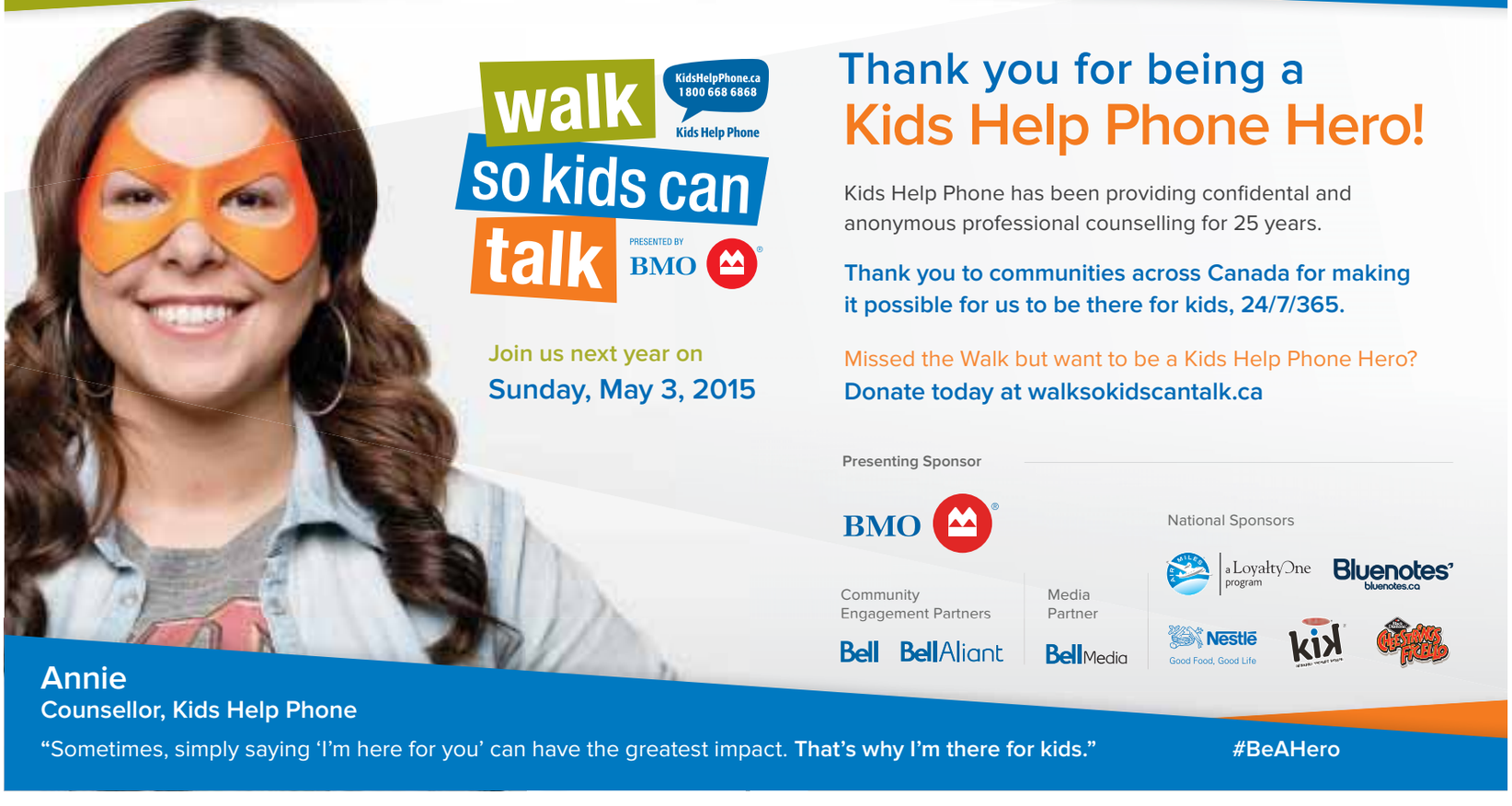
Rescue workers struggled over the weekend to reach the twin-engine Piper PA-31 Navajo because of poor visibility at the remote, high-altitude site where it crashed on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

29,000 workers

Haiti raises minimum wage

Haiti raised slightly its minimum wage for the estimated 29,000 workers who sew together T-shirts and other clothing in the country's apparel factories.

The 12.5 per cent increase signed into law says the workers will now earn about $5.11 per eight-hour workday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Villagers still digging, hundreds still stranded days after deadly landslide

Afghanistan. Search continues for hundreds of victims of a landslide in Abi Barik village

Three days after the earth swept through his village, burying entire houses and hundreds of people, Hashmat Khan is still digging in search of his family.

Standing in a hole he'd dug out that reached over his head, Khan said six members of his family were buried in the horrific landslide that swept over the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province.

"We have rescued two injured and taken out two dead bodies, and now we're trying to find two more," he said.

One of the school teachers, Abdul Fatah Zafari, said the villagers have surveyed all the families and believe that around 50 students between ages of six to 15 died in the landslide.

The school building survived. But with what's left of Abi Barik under threat of further landslides and flooding, the surviving children haven't been able to attend school.

Zafari said he understood that helping needy people was the immediate priority but appealed to the government to also think about the school and health clinic.

The landslide was likely triggered by heavy rains that have fallen across northern Afghanistan in recent weeks.

It broke off a massive chunk of earth, burying hundreds of homes. Officials have said it will be impossible to bring up all the bodies, but many villagers have continued digging on their own.

Azizullah, who goes by one name as do many Afghans, said he was working on a construction site when he heard about the landslide and hurried home.

His house was covered with mud but eventually he was able to find his wife and children alive. But his father and one of his brothers are still missing.

"Probably they have died, but still we are looking for them," he said. "Over the past three days we have been digging in the area where we think they might be to find their bodies, but we couldn't find any of them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death and destruction

The landslide Friday killed hundreds of people — still no one has an exact number — destroyed 300 homes, and displaced hundreds more families.

- Stranded and with no homes, many of the families have struggled to get aid.
- Some have slept in tents provided by aid groups. The unlucky ones have slept outside.

Survivors receive food donations on Monday near the site of Friday's landslide that buried Abi Barik village in Badakhshan province, northeastern Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More killed as tensions in east Ukraine escalate

Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to its southern port of Odesa, desperate to halt a spread of the fighting between government troops and a pro-Russia militia in the east that killed combatants on both sides Monday.

The government in Kyiv intensified its attempts to bring both regions back under its control, but seemed particularly alarmed by the bloodshed in Odesa. It had been largely peaceful until Friday, when clashes killed 46 people, many of them in a government building that was set on fire.

Tensions in Ukraine also raised concerns in neighbouring Moldova, another former Soviet republic, where the government said it had put its borders on alert.

Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester region, located just northwest of Odesa and home to 1,500 Russian troops, is supported by Moscow, and many of its residents sympathize with the pro-Russia insurgency.

The loss of Odesa would be catastrophic for the interim government in Kyiv, leaving the country cut off from the Black Sea. Ukraine already lost a significant part of its coastline in March, when its Crimean Peninsula was annexed by Russia.

People mourn Yulia Izotova in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, Monday. Witnesses say the 21-year-old was killed by shots from a Ukrainian military column. A. ZEMLIANICHENKO/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Compared with eastern Ukraine, Odesa is a wealthy city with an educated and ethnically diverse population of more than 1 million.

In eastern Ukraine, gunfire and multiple explosions rang out in and around Slovyansk, a city of 125,000, which has become the focus of the armed insurgency against the government in Kyiv.

The Russian Foreign Ministry put the blame squarely on Kyiv, which "stubbornly continues to wage war against the people of its own country."

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement that government troops were battling about 800 pro-Russia forces, which were deploying weapons and mortars.

The pro-Russia militia said at least eight people, both militiamen and locals, were killed. A spokesman with the militia said that of 10 people admitted to a hospital in Slovyansk with gunshot wounds, three later died. Five more were killed in fighting in the village of Semenivka.

Both sides indicated fighting was taking place at several sites. An Associated Press crew saw at least four ambulances rushing wounded to a hospital in Slovyansk and one militiaman being carried in for treatment.

The country is facing its worst crisis in decades after its president fled to Russia in February following months of street protests.

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Boko Haram leader threatens to sell kidnapped girls in Nigeria

National outrage.
Protesters criticize military, President Goodluck Jonathan for inaction

The leader of an extremist Islamic group in Nigeria is threatening to sell the nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls abducted from a school in the remote northeast three weeks ago, in a new videotape received Monday.

Abubakar Shekau for the first time also claimed responsibility for the April 15 mass abduction, warning that his group plans to attack more schools and abduct more girls.

"I abducted your girls," said the leader of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful."

He described the girls as "slaves" and said, "By Allah, I will sell them in the marketplace." The hour-long video starts with fighters lifting automatic rifles and shooting in the air as they chant "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great."

It was unclear if the video was made before or after reports emerged last week that some of the girls have been forced to marry their abductors — who paid a nominal bride price of $12 — and that others have been carried into neighbouring Cameroon and Chad. Those reports could not be verified.

In the video, Shekau also said the students "will remain slaves with us." That appears a reference to the ancient jihadi custom of enslaving women captured in a holy war, who then can be used for sex.

"They are slaves and I will sell them because I have the market to sell them," he said, speaking in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria.

The video was reviewed by The Associated Press, and both the face and the voice of the leader of Boko Haram were recognizable.

Shekau brushed off warnings that the abductions could be an international crime, saying in English, as if to reach his accusers in the international community: "What do you know about human rights? You're just claiming human rights (abuses), but you don't know what it is."

The mass abduction and the military's failure to rescue the girls and young women have ignited national outrage with demonstrations in major cities. Protesters accused President Goodluck Jonathan of insensitivity to the girls' plight.

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A woman attends a demonstration calling on the government to increase efforts to rescue the 276 missing kidnapped school girls of government secondary school Chibok, in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO declares spread of polio a public health emergency

In this file photo dated Wednesday April 24, 2013, a Somali child receives a polio vaccine, at the Medina Maternal Child Health center in Mogadishu, Somalia. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a co-ordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before travelling abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing. Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated.

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Tweed Marijuana ships out drugs to Canadian clients

Tweed Marijuana, Canada's first publicly traded medical marijuana company, says it has shipped its first orders of the drug to clients.

Tweed started trading on the Toronto Venture Exchange last month and has a market capitalization of more than $113 million.

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Controversial ingredient

BVO to go from all Coca-Cola drinks

Coca-Cola says it will drop a controversial ingredient from all its drinks that contain it, not just Powerade.

The change will apply to its drinks globally, meaning Canada and Latin America are phasing out the ingredient as well.

A spokesman for Coca-Cola noted that the ingredient is not used in many countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luxury brands flock to Canada

A man walks past the Jimmy Choo shop in London, U.K. Two renowned luxury brands — Jimmy Choo and Versace — are launching their first stand-alone boutiques in Canada later this year. The shops are slated to open in Toronto. They join several other high-profile retailers and brands that have opened bricks-and-mortar locations in Canada over the past several years, including Microsoft, Ann Taylor, Loft, J. Crew and Target. Nordstrom will be following suit this fall with the opening of its first store in Calgary. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Google hits play on music streaming service for Canadians

Music to our ears. Google Play Music fills the void for Canucks still waiting for Spotify and Pandora to come here

Google is stepping into the streaming music game in Canada with the launch of Google Play Music, the latest in a growing number of services that could change how Canadians listen to their favourite songs.

The company announced Monday that its all-access subscription service would be the centrepiece for a broader digital music service that offers music on mobile phones, tablets and personal computers.

Aside from streaming, users can also buy tracks for their personal collections, quite similar to Apple's iTunes store.

Google's streaming service is one of the most extensive offerings available to Canadians yet, and a highlight of the technology giant's launch into selling music in Canada.

Google Play Music users will have streaming access to 25 million songs, which the company says is several million more tracks than its U.S. users can access. The cost is $9.99 per month, after an introductory rate.

The rollout will be available for phones and tablets on both the Android operating system and Apple's iOS devices.

The Canadian version will cater to local tastes, which includes a selection of Francophone music and a playlist that showcases this year's Juno Award winners.

The presence of legal on-demand streaming music has been limited in Canada.

Last year, free streaming music service Songza opened an office in Toronto with the goal of getting a head start against its competitors like Spotify and Pandora, two popular international streaming services that aren't yet available in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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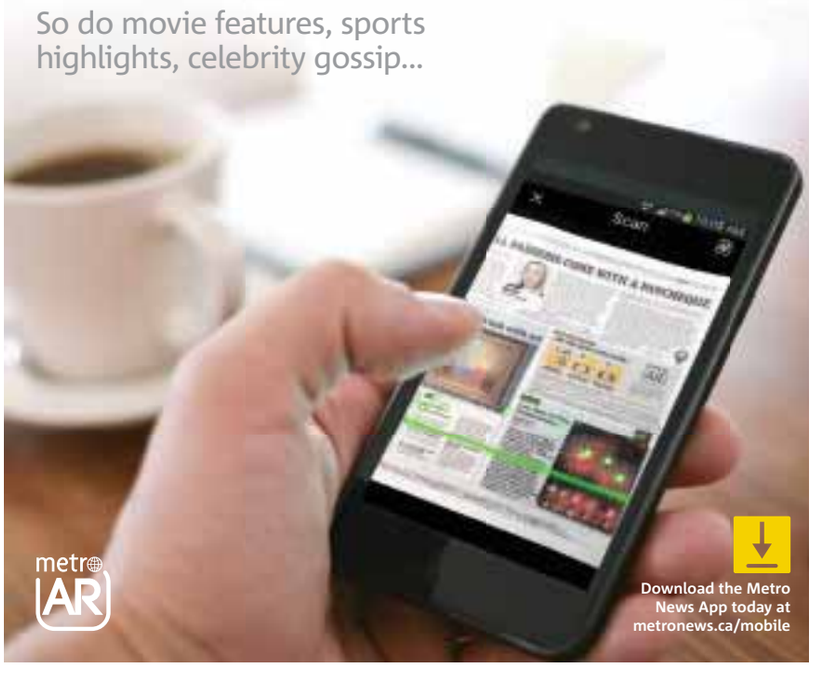

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Target CEO resigns in wake of data breach

Target's CEO has become the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a breach of customer data, showing how responsibility for computer security now reaches right to the top.

Gregg Steinhafel, who was also president and chairman, stepped down nearly five months after Target disclosed a huge pre-Christmas breach in which hackers stole millions of customers' credit- and debit-card records. The theft badly damaged the store chain's reputation and profits.

Steinhafel, a 35-year veteran of the company and chief executive since 2008, also resigned from the board of directors, Target announced Monday.

The departure of Steinhafel, 59, suggests the company wants a clean slate as it wrestles with the fallout. But the resignation leaves a leadership hole at a time when the 1,800-store chain is facing many other challenges.

The company, known for its trendy but affordable housewares and fashions, is struggling to maintain its cachet while competing with Walmart and Amazon.com. Target is also grappling with a disappointing expansion into Canada, its first foray outside the U.S.

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Death of the postman. Canada Post Corp. reports $29M loss for 2013

Canada Post Corp. lost $29 million last year, compared with a loss of $83 million in 2012, helped by the sale of its plant in downtown Vancouver.

Revenue for the Crown corporation, which includes the Canada Post mail and parcel delivery segment, along with majority-owned subsidiaries Purolator, SCI Group and Innovapost, totalled $7.56 billion in sales compared with a loss of $83 million on $7.52 billion in sales in 2012.

On an operating basis, Canada Post lost $193 million for the year compared with an operating loss of $106 million a year earlier.

Canada Post is in the midst of a massive reorganization including a move to end door-to-door delivery of the mail.

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Only in the U.S.

#dangerousidea: Just tweet to make Amazon purchase

Amazon wants to make shopping online as easy as a tweet.

The online retailer is introducing a service in the U.S. that lets Twitter users there add Amazon.com products to their carts without leaving the social media site.

The service comes as Amazon seeks to make social media a bigger source for sales. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DRAKE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier
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It's incredibly easy for us to make new digital connections — you can acquire hundreds of online friends in minutes just by pressing a handful of buttons — but how much energy are you investing in working on your real-life social networks?

Friendships play a crucial role in our lives. Science has shown time and time again that maintaining close ties with our fellow human beings provides us with a wide variety of mental, emotional and physical benefits. One study even suggests that being lonely or having weak social bonds is a health risk comparable to smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day or being an alcoholic.

If platonic pals are beneficial for the mind, body and soul, reason would suggest that we try to accumulate as many as possible. However, evolutionary anthropologist Robin Dunbar argues that the cognitive limitations of our brains also impose limits on our ability to sustain stable social connections. You might have amassed hundreds of Facebook buddies, but humans can actually only comfortably maintain about an average of 150 genuine relationships. That number might be even lower for us technology obsessed, socially stunted Millennials.

So while TV sitcoms would have us believe we'll spend our whole lives hanging out with the same handful of people at the same bar year after year after year, real life doesn't work like that. If our brains can only handle a finite number of contacts, it's practical to audit your social circle every once in a while, online and in real life, to evaluate how and with whom you're spending your time.

As we get older, our interests and values inevitably change and we naturally begin to drift away from certain people. Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding onto old friendships at the expense of making new ones.

I'm not suggesting that you should start eliminating old friends from your life like you're picking off contestants on a reality show. There is something very special about deep-rooted relationships; those BFFs who have known and loved you at your best and your worst, through bad breakups and even worse wardrobe choices.

But recognizing when you've outgrown certain individuals you have nothing in common with anymore can help you create some room in your brain and in your life for a few new friends.

Don't make it The Motto

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ZOOM

Manufacturing tradition

A team dressed as characters from The Wizard of Oz roll wooden 'cheese' during the Stilton Village Festival cheese-rolling competition on May 6 in Stilton, England. Local people are currently involved in a campaign to bring Stilton cheesemaking back to the village. The cheese is currently made in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

How this cheesy village rolls

An annual tradition invented about 50 years ago to revitalize local businesses attracted about 2,000 people to the Cambridgeshire village of Stilton in the U.K. this year.

The cheese-rolling competition takes place every May Day Bank Holiday Monday in Stilton — the village which gave the cheese its name. Teams roll wooden blocks resembling cheese through the streets. BBC.COM

'Ancient tradition' cooked up by locals

Cheese rolling was invented by two pub landlords who told villagers it was "an ancient tradition" in order to encourage them and others to take part.

Blocks of wood have to be used, because an actual block of cheese would not survive being rolled along the main road. The "cheese" is a block cut from an old telegraph pole and painted to look like the blue-veined cheese.

BBC.COM

Road takes its toll

- The event was originally dreamt up to encourage visitors after the village was bypassed by the A1 in 1959.
- The village, on the old Great North Road between Huntingdon and Peterborough, got rid of its traffic jams when the bypass was built, but the High Street and North Street lost passing trade as a result.

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As part of Bristol, England's Make Sunday Special campaign, streets are set up for pedestrian-friendly activities like dancing, yoga classes, concerts and art crawls.

All laudable. But even with the schedule reaching into fall, it'll be hard to top artist Luke Jerram's Park And Slide: a 300-foot, slip-and-slide soap show that drew more than 96,000 people to a lottery deciding who would be among the lucky 360 to belly their way down Park Street. As for us in Canada, there's plenty of summer left for letter campaigns to city halls.

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DVD review

Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Enrico Colantoni

The big-screen version of the cult TV series about a teen detective (Kristen Bell) is a homecoming designed to check off all the boxes for the many who wrote the Kickstarter cheques to make it happen.

Newcomers may find themselves mystified by the show's appeal. The movie looks and unfolds more like a pilot for the cancelled fourth Veronica Mars TV season, rather than a re-building of the franchise.

Reprising her title role as the teen sleuth in shady beach burgh Neptune, Calif., Bell brings us briskly up to date, highlighting past events that included her volatile romance with town stud Logan (Jason Dohring).

Ardent fans don't need the back story, to which series creator and writer Rob Thomas remains all too faithful as he makes his feature directing debut.

Veronica has supposedly moved on from Neptune (she's now an honours law grad with a job in New York), but the movie is like pressing "play" on a PVR, for a story laden with shout-outs but short on substance.

Extras include deleted scenes and making-of featurettes.

PETER HOWELL

Showgirls: The good, the bad and the ugly

Panned but not forgotten. Film critic Adam Nayman explores the cult success of Showgirls

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Since its release, Showgirls has gained a sizeable cult following. CONTRIBUTED

When it came out, Showgirls was a punching bag. It still is — it's just that now people actually enjoy hating it. It's become a bad cinema classic. But a wave of supporters, including J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette, argue that it's a self-aware satire along the lines of director Paul Verhoeven's other work, including RoboCop and Starship Troopers. To this posse, add the critic, scholar and Metro writer Adam Nayman, whose book It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls makes a convincing and enjoyable case for its sneaky and subversive craft.

Did you always feel this way about Showgirls?
I saw it in theatres when it came out. I had to sneak in. The reason I wanted to see it at 14 was I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. I was interested in why people thought it was so bad. That probably had something to do with how I watched it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie, I was skeptical of the negativity. Even though I liked it as a teenager, because I thought it was funny and outrageous, it wasn't until I got a little older and a little more well-versed with Verhoeven that I thought it could support a book.

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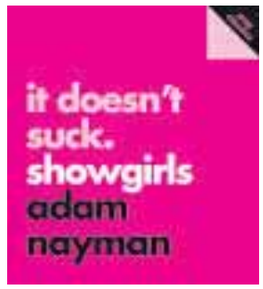
"One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn." Adam Nayman, author of It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls

The path of this movie from punchline to video hit is rather extraordinary.
One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn. You couldn't find a film critic in 1995 who would give this movie the time of day. And now whether it's for ironic reasons or if people are recognizing the artistry in it, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't like it.

Where do you stand?
I wish I'd read more things about Showgirls that said what I think about it, which is that it's well-crafted and some of that craft is persuasive, and then it clashes with how craven some of the dialogue and some of the characters are. To me that would be a more valid critical observation. Instead, you just read review after review of people saying how inept it is and comparing it craft-wise and style-wise to Valley of the Dolls. That's when you realize these people weren't really trying. Or if they were trying, they're just not very good at their jobs.



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

How many celeb doppelgängers does blonde Levine have?

When Pretty McPretty boy Adam Levine tweeted out this photo of his new hairstyle (along with his pillow-lipped fiancée, Behati Prinsloo) on Saturday, everyone got pretty mad that he would go ahead and ruin that pretty face of his. So mad that "Adam Levine" started trending. However, the Maroon 5 singer took it all in stride. "I hope people understand that when they say my hair looks creepy, I take that as the highest compliment," he wrote about the hairy backlash.

However, Levine must know that he now looks like a certain ... someone. Maybe even a few someones? We compiled the women — and man — he now resembles. Anyone we're missing? Write to scene@metronews.ca to let us know.

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X-Men director accused of sexually assaulting a second teen boy

A second man has come forward accusing X-Men: Days of Future Past director Bryan Singer of sexual assault.

The British man, referred to as John Doe #117, is represented by Jeff Herman, the same lawyer as the first accuser, Michael Egan. Doe claims he was introduced to Singer at the U.K. premiere party for Superman Returns when he was 17 years old. His complaint claims that Singer offered him drugs, and later grabbed him in a sexual manner and asked him to perform sex acts, according to The Daily Beast. After he refused, he says, a "large, muscle-bound man" hit him.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, maintained that the accusations are false.

"After the substance of Mr. Herman's previous defamatory and fabricated filing in Hawaii was disproved based on unassailable evidence, Mr. Herman's desperation has led him to fabricate these new anonymous accusations against Mr. Singer, which we will also prove to be completely false," Marty Singer told The Daily Beast.

The allegations are similar to those made by the first accuser. Egan, who was 17 at the time of the alleged assaults in 1998, was then an aspiring model and actor. He claims he met the director through a Hollywood sex ring run by Marc Collins-Rector, a producer and convicted sex offender. He says that Collins-Rector put him on the payroll and required him to have sex with adults.

Bryan Singer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

Kute kouple Kimye get wedding licence

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are well on their way to wedded bliss. They have the multi-million dollar home, they have the baby and now they have the papers.

Life & Style is reporting the power duo are officially married on paper, after a source told the magazine they got their licence in California. Although they could just be teasing us, since they've got 90 days to get hitched in the county in which they received their marriage licence.

In any case, the spectacle isn't off: Sources say plans are still on for their huge Paris wedding this month. But the ceremony, sources further reveal, will be a private one.

Katie Couric

Katie Couric may return to the anchor chair at Today — but just temporarily

Eight years since she took her leave from Today, it looks like Katie Couric might be coming back to the NBC morning program — but only for a bit.

The NY Post and TMZ.com report that Couric is in talks to fill in for co-anchor Savannah Guthrie while she is on maternity leave in four months.

Although it's only in the talking stages and it's unclear how this will work out with Couric's other gigs — she is with ABC until mid-summer and famously signed on to be the first-ever global anchor at Yahoo sometime soon — it would be nice to see Katie back in the anchor seat, if just for a bit.

If she's not available, I wonder if they would call Ann Curry? Ha ha ha ha. Just kidding — they would never, ever call Ann Curry.

LIFE 3

Gettin' swishy with it

Oil pulling. Does this Ayurvedic detox technique actually work, or is it just a load of hogwash?

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties, so coconut oil is a popular choice for oil pulling. ISTOCK

Oil pulling — an ancient Ayurvedic ritual whereby unrefined oil is swished in the mouth for 10 to 20 minutes a day — is thought to improve oral health and reduce toxic inflammation in the body. Two experts talk us through the mechanics and potential benefits of this holistic, and pretty harmless, technique.

It's a detox trick that's not expensive or difficult

According to L.A.-based neurologist and Ayurveda expert Dr. Kulreet Chaudhary, this is all you need to do: Wake up and either brush or floss your teeth. Now take one tablespoon of vegetable oil (or simply half fill the mouth) and slowly start to swirl it around, pulling it through your teeth. The idea is that you're not gargling it, but actively swishing it in your mouth. Do this for 10 to 20 minutes and then spit out the oil (do not swallow it as it now contains toxins), and brush your teeth again.

"The theory behind this practice is that saliva is one of the conduits for toxins throughout your body. This is because the salivary glands are able to pull toxins out of the bloodstream and store them there at a higher concentration," she tells Metro.

"What oil pulling does is it increases the secretion of saliva and extrapolates some of the toxins that have been sucked into the glands by trapping them inside the oil."

Cure-all for almost everything

According to Chaudhary, oil pulling is one of the cheapest, and fastest, ways of getting rid of a mild dental disease.

"When done daily, oil pulling can help cure conditions such as tartar build-up, bad breath and gingivitis within weeks," says Chaudhary. But she says it goes way beyond oral hygiene.

"The mouth is kind of a measuring stick in terms of inflammation for the rest of the body.

"If I have a patient suffering from heavy metal poisoning, migraines or rheumatoid arthritis, this is one the tools I use to help detox their entire body," she adds.

The best oil of them all?

"In Ayurvedic medicine, sesame oil is believed to be a complete oil: one that suits all body types and constitutions. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, which can help heal wounds and strengthen the immune system," says Dr. Deepa Apté, an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He says sesame oil's ability to permeate the cell membranes make it ideal for oil pulling. That said, make sure you're not using an oil you're allergic to; sunflower or coconut work just as well.

"Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties and is a good option for people suffering from inflammation in the body — the root cause of most diseases and internal imbalances," says Chaudhary.

Your face is getting action

The contracting-relaxing motion engages your facial muscles in a mini-workout. "When done regularly, oil pulling helps increase blood circulation to the face and reduces the appearance of fine lines and dark circles," says Apté.

Natural — not miracle — cure

"There's this misconception. People are like, 'I'm still going to eat my doughnut, drink my Coke and stay up all night — but I'll do oil pulling.' It's something we do to balance the body, but it doesn't erase a bad habit," warns Chaudhary. "It gets a little misleading to say it will cure your acne or fix your teeth because it's never given in isolation; it's part of a toolbox for controlling a condition."

For your phone

My Incredible Body (iPad, iPhone; $2.99)

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This 3D atlas of the human body offers narrated fly-throughs and interactive activities that demonstrate how major body functions and senses work. An excellent resource for parents and curious kids.

Half-Off

Now that spring has sprung, Elisha has recommitted to her Half-Off goal and put more exercise at the top of the list. With intentions to ride her bike to work every day, would a fluke spring snowstorm finally be the event that derailed her? Visit metronews.ca/voices/halfoff to find out.

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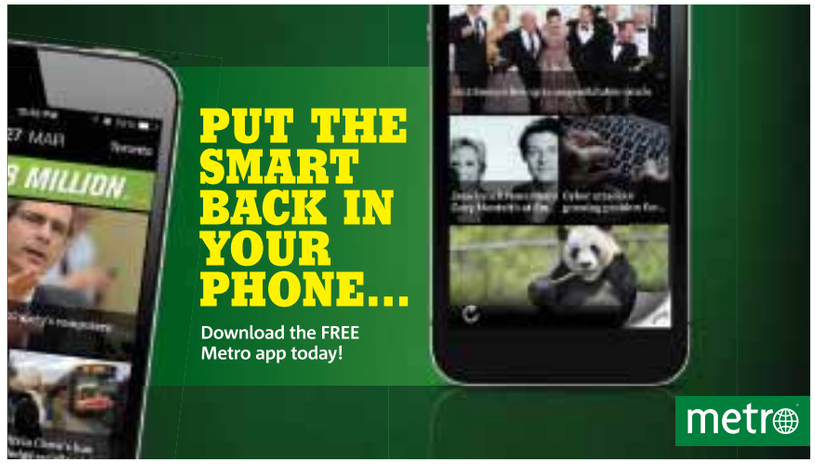

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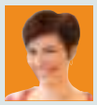
Want to substitute a local beer? Theresa Albert learns more about microbreweries

New handheld kid on the block

Health Solutions

Spoons and forks are sooo last season



NUTRI-BITES
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This season it is all about handheld food.

The days of the dog being the only thing eaten on city streets and at cookouts is over.

More gourmet foods are hitting the pavement and one of the best examples of that can be found at Kanga, Toronto's first Aussie meat pie shop.

Intended to be enjoyed Down Under style with all the ease and swagger of an Australian treat, Aussies get cheeky with nontraditional fillings like butter chicken and pulled pork.

Co-owners Megan Chan and Erynn Maynes say, "Aussie meat pies are saucier than your average pie, topped with flakey puff pastry, and are intended to be eaten with one hand only. The other is strictly reserved for the beverage of your choice!"

Go handheld with these other ideas this summer:

- Sushi hand rolls
- Tacos are still all the rage
- Pulled pork in lettuce wraps
- Jumbo samosas
- Empanadas
- Tamales

Remember that the sides and dressings can make or break your calorie count. Mustard and hot sauce, yes! Mayo and anything deep fried, no.

And always, always fill up with a salad.

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Aussie Meat Pie.

These savoury filled pastries are perfect for those days when you don't have time to slow down

This recipe makes two pies. THERESA ALBERT

1. Preheat your electric pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker.

2. On medium heat, fry the onion in the oil and butter till soft. Add the garlic and thyme.

3. Sprinkle the flour in the pan and fry until a light golden colour (about 1 minute).

4. Pour in the beer and incorporate with the flour, and the mixture will thicken. Allow the beer to reduce for 3-4 minutes.

5. In a separate frying pan, fry ground beef and drain off fat. Add in tomato paste.

6. Add the cooked ground beef mixture and beef stock into the pan with beer and onions.

7. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside,

8. Line pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker with pastry, spoon in filling (usually about 1/3 of a cup). Allow to cook according to appliance instructions, usually about 8 minutes.

9. Enjoy with ketchup — or "tomato sauce" as the Aussies call it! Cheers, mate! COURTESY ERYNN MAYNES, CO-OWNER KANGA

Ingredients

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1 tbsp butter + 1 tbsp oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp flour
- 3/4 cup dark beer
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 cup beef stock
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Ketchup to taste
- Two sheets of butter puff pastry (1 pkg)

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

This recipe serves six and takes 30 minutes to make. PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Chicken Taco spice route leads to Peru

The combination of spices gives these tacos a Peruvian spin. For added Peruvian cred, add some chopped pitted green olives with the salsa, lettuce and cheese toppings.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). In large frying pan, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the oil over medium-high heat; cook onion, garlic, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper for 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Push onions to side of pan. Add remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and chicken; cook for 10 minutes, stirring often, or until cooked through. Remove from heat. Stir in chopped coriander.

2. Remove taco shells from packaging. Arrange shells open side down in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until crisp and light golden brown. Carefully remove from oven.

3. Divide chicken mixture evenly among the taco shells. Top each taco with salsa, lettuce and cheese and arrange on platter.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 2 small onions, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground coriander
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cumin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pkg (about 775 g total) boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in thin strips
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1 pkg (156 g) PC Taco Shells
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) medium heat salsa
- 1 cup (250 ml) roughly chopped iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) PC Tex Mex Shredded Cheese Blend

Penguins centre Sidney Crosby celebrates scoring a goal against the Rangers in New York, Monday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crosby's post-season scoring touch arrives

NHL playoffs.
Penguins captain ends goalless drought, Fleury makes 35 saves in shutout of Rangers

Sidney Crosby scored his first goal of these playoffs, and Marc-Andre Fleury earned his second shutout of the New York Rangers in two nights as the Pittsburgh Penguins regained home-ice advantage with a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday night.

Crosby snapped a 13-game goal drought in the playoffs to give the Penguins the lead in the second period, and Jussi Jokinen added a breakaway goal. Fleury stopped 35 shots to back up his 22-save effort Sunday in a 3-0 win in Pittsburgh. He has eight career post-season shutouts and 51 wins.

The Penguins, who lost the opener in overtime, lead the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the weary Rangers, who played for the fifth time in seven days. They have consecutive losses in these playoffs for the first time.

The tide turned in Pittsburgh's favour in the second period for the third straight game.

New York had 2:15 remaining on a four-minute power play that began in the first period, but couldn't cash in. To make matters worse for the Rangers, Crosby took a long stretch pass from defenceman Robert Bortuzzo, outraced Marc Staal, and beat Lundqvist between the pads from the left circle just 19 seconds after James Neal left the penalty box. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MVP as voted by NHLPA

Sidney Crosby of the Penguins, Ryan Getzlaf of the Ducks and Claude Giroux of the Flyers have been nominated as finalists for the Ted Lindsay Award.

- The award is presented annually to the most valuable player in the NHL, as voted by fellow members of the National Hockey League Players' Association.

UFC

Rousey rips TUF

A recent impromptu brawl between rival coaches Chael Sonnen and Wanderlei Silva on the TV set of The Ultimate Fighter: Brazil had MMA fans rushing to find the video.

Ronda Rousey GETTY IMAGES

Not UFC women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey, who was a coach on Season 18. "They don't know the first thing about fighting," she said.

"They treated us like we were Real Housewives of Atlanta and not elite athletes that should be respected." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA playoffs

Wizards draw first blood in series against Pacers

Bradley Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Trevor Ariza added 22 on Monday night, leading Washington past top-seeded Indiana 102-96 for a 1-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Wizards won a second-round game for the first time since 1982 and are 4-0 on the road in this year's playoffs. They ended a 12-game losing streak at Indiana that dated to April 18, 2007, and they did it by nearly leading from wire-to-wire.

Paul George and George Hill had 18 points each for the Indiana.

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Indiana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Jones of Canada breaks free of the New Zealand defence to score during the IRB Glasgow Sevens in Glasgow, Scotland. MARK RUNNACLES/GETTY IMAGES

Scan this image with your Metro News app to see more from Sunday's action.

Canada riding high ahead of Commonwealth Games

The Canadian seven rugby side flew out of Glasgow on Monday having made history there by reaching the final at an HSBC Sevens World Series stop for the first time.

Next time the Canadian men are in Scotland, Commonwealth Games medals will be on the line.

It was a banner weekend for the Canadians at the Glasgow Sevens. They won their preliminary pool Saturday, defeating Japan and France and tying England. Canada then defeated Kenya 14-5 in the quarter-final and Scotland 10-7 in the semi-final before going down 54-7 at the hands of powerful New Zealand in the final.

The lopsided loss made for a strange "bit of an empty feeling" Sunday that was undeserved, said head coach Geraint John. "We shouldn't have had that, really," he said Monday. "Because to get to the final in the (World) Series for the very first time, it's a pretty outstanding achievement by everyone.

"I think today everybody's feeling a little bit better."

Canadians Phil Mack and John Moonlight were both named to the Glasgow tournament's all-star or Dream Team. Conor Trainor, meanwhile, turned heads with a circus-like try against France when he got his boot to a low pass in mid-flight and managed to tap it into his hands before sprinting over the line. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will get what you desire today but you will have to pay a price for it. The planets will reward you for your hard work but they will also ask you to sacrifice something you may not want to give up.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The Sun's link to Jupiter will give your confidence a much-needed boost today but you may still have to learn that in order to get some you also have to give some.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will be in one of your more impulsive moods today. Try not to spend money on things you don't need unless you know you can afford it — and unless you have won the lottery you know full well you cannot.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will be called upon to help someone in need and no matter how busy you might be with your own tasks and chores you must come to their aid.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets warn that you may have deviated from your blueprint by a small amount, so maybe you should stand back from what you are working on and make sure it is still going according to plan.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's time to get working on something of a creative nature that you have been thinking about for quite some time. It will take a great deal of effort, both physical and mental, but it will be a success.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try to force others to do your bidding today because they will make such an emotional scene that even you will be embarrassed.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone you encounter on your travels will turn out to be a very important contact, both personally and professionally. Make an effort to get out and about and meet people.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If others won't give you what you deserve then you will just have to take it for yourself. You have worked long and hard to reach your current position and have no intention of letting others take the glory.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be eager for success but don't forget the many responsibilities that go with it. Remember, once you have committed to something, once you have signed on the line.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something is holding you back, something is stopping you from reaching your true potential. According to the planets it could be your own self-doubt that is preventing you from pushing ahead.

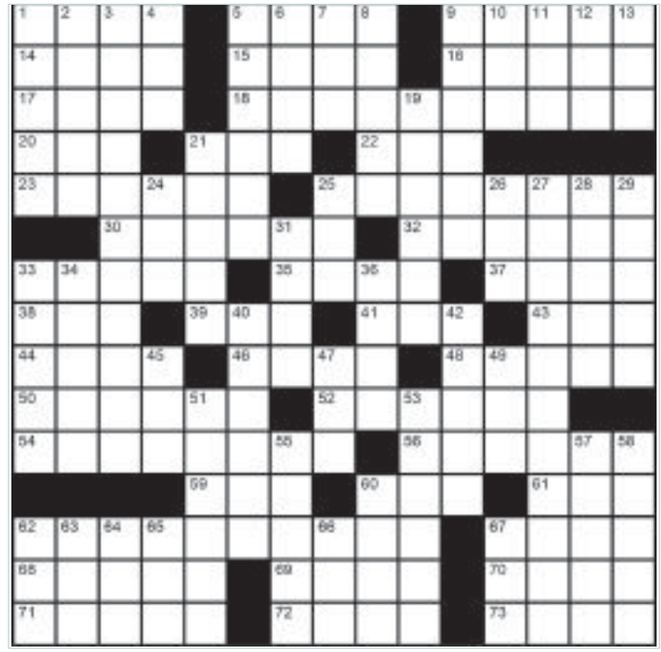
♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Keep your long-term goals at the forefront of your mind and don't let anyone put you off your quest. So-called friends will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should think again. Be true to your instincts.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



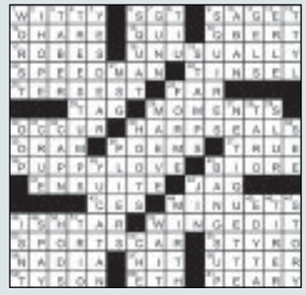
Across

1. Sort
5. Dither
9. Frigid
14. Currency exchange fee
15. Jumble
16. France: Winery river valley
17. Canvas sneakers brand
18. Annual overseas song contest currently underway in Copenhagen
20. "__ be better if..."
21. Gallery piece
22. Movie genre, __-com
23. Sedately
25. Southern Ontario city; or, ABBA song which was the #18-Across winner in 1974
30. Toronto-born jazz singer, __-Claire Barlow
32. The Band's "_ __ Be Released"
33. Hurt
35. Mr. Griffin
37. 'Chant' suffix
38. Mailing encl.
39. Champion
41. Moray __
43. Finished with work [abbr.]
44. British streetcar
46. 'Problem' suffix
48. Kimberly Stewart's mom
50. Country singer Jason
52. Impaler's weapons
54. Toronto Blues Jays sport
56. Degrees
59. Poet's 'not closed'
60. Mr. Craven
61. Bottle's 'lid'
62. Biosphere Reserve region of Quebec
67. Volcanic shape
68. Beach item
69. Against
70. Russian river
71. Ms. Blair
72. Egg masses
73. Alter

Down

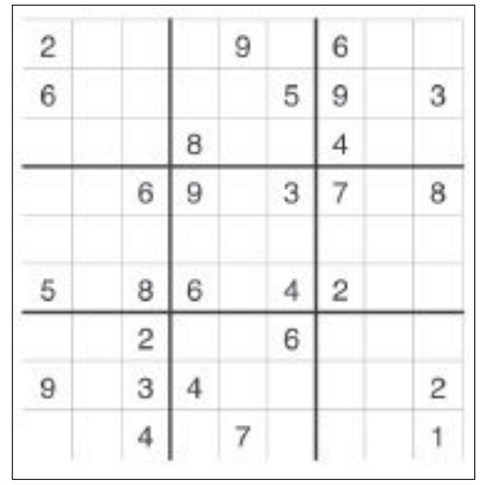
1. Joe __ (Colorado Avalanche executive born in Burnaby, BC)
2. Songbook standard: "_ __ _ Kick Out of You"
3. Spring's curly-topped shoots
4. Froms opposites
5. Ms. Crow
6. Seagoing, shortly
7. Galilee's locale [abbr.]
8. Ms. Birch
9. Juno-winning musician aka Claire Boucher
10. Uncertain utterances
11. Law: French
12. Ancient veil-giver
13. Study
19. Certain candle
21. Actress Ms. Valli
24. French 'Mrs.'
25. Diminutive
26. Scoreboard letters over '0 0 0' at the start of a game of #54-Across
27. War of 1812 heroine, b.1775 - d.1868: 2 wds.
28. Clark Kent's co-worker Jimmy
29. "Get Here" by __ Adams
31. "How _ __ Your Mother"
33. Take _ __ at (Attempt)
34. "Cheers" barmaid
36. Prefix with 'angle'
40. Toasty tray tidbit
42. The Great __
45. Michie __, Canadian rapper
47. PEI part [abbr.]
49. After-Exodus bk.
51. Ancient cloak
53. Tony-winning Canadian actress Ms. Smith (b.1921 - d.1993)
55. Mr. Burton
57. Hawaiian island
58. Wheat type
60. __-Out (Bic product)
62. Li'l dollar parts
63. Gardener's tool
64. Hole-punching tool
65. Ad __ (Relevant)
66. "Thou, too, sail __, _ Ship of State!" - Longfellow
67. Pool stick

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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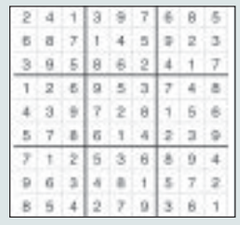

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